(ii) An *ad-hoc* increase of Rs. 350/MCM (thousand cubic meter) in consumer price of gas, for general consumers.

(iii) An *ad-hoc* increase of Rs. 10/MCM in HBJ transportation tariff.

(iv) Gas produced by Joint ventures to be sold at market determined prices.

(v) Gas Pool Account to be limited to Rs. 100 crore.

(b) Government will take decision taking into account all pros and cons of the issues involved. No time frame has been fixed.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Production of natural gas

1428. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of natural gas produced from different sources in Maharashtra, Gujarat, Assam, Andhra Pradesh and other States during the last three years and 2004 so far;

(b) the amount and rate of royalty paid to each state;

(c) whether any enactment or regulatory model is contemplated to enable the states to frame their own policy for exploitation of their petroleum and gas resources in the light of the recent judgment of the Supreme Court; and

(d) if so, the steps taken or being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) Details are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

Statement

Production of natural gas

Royalty on natural gas is paid at the rate of 10% of the value of natural gas obtained at well head. The quantity of natural gas produced in various States and the amount of royalty paid during the years 2001-02 to 2004-05 (Apr.-June'04), are given below:

State	Gas production & Royalty paid	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05 (Apr.-June'04)
Andhra Pradesh	Gas production (MMSCM)	1796.00	2038.00	1927.00	434.98
	Royalty paid (Rs. Crores)	32.43	35.51	35.48	7.75
Assam	Gas production (MMSCM)	1990.87	2046.53	2203.62	547.97
	Royalty paid (Rs. Crores)	13.86	14.26	19.36	5.43
Gujarat	Gas production (MMSCM)	3170.00	3531.00	3517.00	883.11
	Royalty paid (Rs. Crores)	46.62	84.12	74.48	17.19
Rajasthan	Gas production (MMSCM)	101.38	161.55	168.13	41.54
	Royalty paid (Rs. Crores)	0.76	1.37	1.39	0.06
Tamil Nadu	Gas production (MMSCM)	349.00	466.00	605.00	48.23
	Royalty paid (Rs. Crores)	5.37	7.58	11.03	2.54
Tripura	Gas production (MMSCM)	416.00	446.00	508.00	104.65
	Royalty paid (Rs. Crores)	5.74	5.75	5.94	1.53

(MMSCM: Million standard cubic metres)